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*To the Chairman and Members of
the Letchworth Urban District Council*

Mr. Chairman,

At the request of the Ministry of Health, and in accordance with the Health Officers Orders, the following report is submitted. It is the forty-third annual report on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics of your district.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The area of the district is 4,897 acres.

Inhabited Houses. There were 7,980 occupied dwellings according to the rate books at 31st December.

Population. The Registrar-General estimates the civilian population for mid year 1961 to be 25,760, an increase of 2,480 persons. The census population was 25,515.

Rateable Value. The rateable value is estimated to be £457,192 and the product of a penny rate is £2,333.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year 1961

Letchworth Urban District	Comparable Rate for England and Wales
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LIVE BIRTHS

			Totals	Male	Female		
Legitimate	420	216	204		
Illegitimate	12	6	6		
All	..	..	<u>432</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>210</u>		
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	..	..	16.8	17.4
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	..	..	..	..	2.8		

STILL BIRTHS

			Totals	Male	Female		
Legitimate	..	..	5	2	3		
Illegitimate	..	..	—	—	—
All	..	..	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>		
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	..	..	..	..	..	11.4	18.7

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Total	Male	Female
437	224	213

				Letchworth Urban District	Comparable Rate for England and Wales
DEATHS		Total	Male	Female	
		215	118	97	
Rate per 1,000 population	..	..	..	8.3	12.0
INFANT DEATHS					
		Totals	Male	Female	
Under 1 week .. ..	..	4	3	1	
1-4 weeks .. ..	..	-	-	-
4-52 weeks .. ..	..	2	1	1	
All .. ..	..	6	4	2	
Infant mortality rates					
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .. ..	..	..	..	13.9	21.4
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .. ..	..	..	14.3		
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. ..	..	..	Nil		
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) .. ..	..	..	..	9.3	15.5
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .. ..	..	..	9.3		
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .. ..	..	..	20.6		
Maternal mortality (including abortion) number of deaths .. ..	..	..	Nil		
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .. ..	..	..	..	0.0	0.33

The causes of death were :

Ref. No.		Males	Females
1	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	—	1
3	Syphilitic disease	1	—
5	Whooping cough	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	4
11	„ „ lung bronchus	11	3
12	„ „ breast	1	3
13	„ „ uterus	—	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	12	9
15	Leukæmia, aleukæmia	2	1
16	Diabetes	—	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	23
18	Coronary disease, angina	26	17
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	3
20	Other heart disease	4	9
21	Other circulatory disease	5	5
22	Influenza	—	1
23	Pneumonia	9	1
24	Bronchitis	5	2
25	Other respiratory diseases	1	—
26	Ulcer, stomach and duodenum	1	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa	—	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	3	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	2	—
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	12	8
33	Motor vehicle accidents	4	1
34	All other accidents	1	3
35	Suicide	2	—
Total in all causes		118	97

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year ; there were no deaths from diphtheria measles or whooping cough.

Tables I, II and III give comparative vital statistics for the years 1957 to 1961 inclusive. Death rates and birth rates are based on the Registrar-General's estimate of the population.

TABLE I

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Cancer					
Number of deaths :					
Males	21	21	19	25	26
Females	21	17	15	20	21
Death rate per 1,000 pop. ..	2.0	1.6	1.05	1.9	1.8
Puerperal Causes					
Number of deaths	-	-	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 births ..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pulmonary Tuberculosis					
Number of cases notified :					
Males	5	16	6	7	6
Females	3	4	1	1	3
Attack rate per 1,000 pop. ..	0.36	0.89	0.3	0.34	0.35
Number of deaths :					
Males	2	1	2	1	-
Females	-	-	-	-	1
Death rate per 1,000 pop. ..	0.09	0.04	0.09	0.04	0.04
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis					
Number of cases notified :					
Males	1	1	-	2	1
Females	1	1	2	-	-
Attack rate per 1,000 pop. ..	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.04
Number of deaths :					
Males	-	-	-	-	-
Females	-	-	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 pop. ..	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE III LETCHWORTH URBAN

Census years

	1921	1931	1951	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Birth rate (crude)	21.3	15.0	16.3	16.7	17.3	16.8	17.9	16.8
(standardized)			15.4	16.7	16.9	16.4	17.5	16.7
Death rate (crude)	7.5	7.8	9.7	9.1	8.9	8.0	10.0	8.3
(standardized)			10.5	9.7	10.1	9.2	11.5	10.0
Infant mortality	55	41	24	29.5	12.7	5.2	16.8	13.9

ENGLAND AND WALES

Birth rate	22.4	15.8	15.5	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4
Death rate	12.1	12.3	12.5	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0
Infant mortality..	83	66	29.6	23.0	22.5	22.0	21.7	21.4

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(i) *Staff.* See page 3 of Report.

For details of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors reference should be made to the report of the Chief Inspector.

(ii) *Other Services.*

Section 47 National Assistance Act, 1948. National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951. One case was dealt with during the year.

Section 50 National Assistance Act, 1948. It was necessary to deal with one death during the year.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (i) *Water.* In response to circular 1/62, I submit the following information :

The Water undertakers are Lee Valley Water Co., and the local supply is from deep wells in the chalk to the east of Letchworth Gate. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

The supply is sampled bacteriologically and chemically by the Company, the samples being taken systematically

throughout the year. Check samples are taken every quarter by the Council's consultant. The supply is subjected to chlorination treatment. There is no plumbo-solvent action. With the exception of Roxley Court, two houses, a petrol filling station and a cafe at Jack's Hill to the south-west, all the properties in the urban district are provided with a direct piped supply of water from the Company's mains. There are no standpipes. The supplies from the private bores and wells are kept under observation and are sampled.

Drainage and Sewerage

Rivers and Streams

Closet accommodation

} No change.

Public Cleansing. The whole of this work is carried out under the supervision of the Surveyor. The house refuse is disposed of by "controlled tipping" at the Arlesey clay pits in the Biggleswade rural district.

Swimming Baths and Pools. The Council's open-air swimming pool in the Norton Common continues to be well patronised, and there were 125,317 attendances during the year. A series of samples were taken and submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were satisfactory, and the staff are again to be congratulated on maintaining a consistently high hygienic standard.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 **PART I OF THE ACT**

1.—*Inspections* for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	9	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	183	86	6	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	22	39	3	—
Total	216	134	10	—

2.—Cases in which *defects* were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found Remedied (2)	To H.M. Inspector (3)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (4)	No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (5)	
(1)					
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	—	—	—

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2.—Cases in which defects were found—(continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found					
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) :						
(a) Insufficient	2	2	—	—	—	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	1	—	—	
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—	—	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	8	8	—	1	—	
Total	16	16	1	1	—	

PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)
Section 110

Nature of Work	No. of out- workers in August lists	No. of cases of default in sending lists	No. of Prosecu- tions	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises		Notices served	Prosecu- tions
				—	—		
Wearing apparel : making, etc. ..	49	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	49	—	—	—	—	—	—

SECTION D. HOUSING

During 1961 the following premises were erected and occupied :

Council Schemes

Houses and flats	98
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Other Persons

Houses, flats and bungalows	106
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Total	204
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The quarterly returns made to the Ministry showed that 39 houses were made fit during the year following informal action, and that a further 44 houses were enlarged, improved and repaired under the 1958 and 1959 Acts.

The four cottages in Croft lane were demolished during the year and the site was cleared. The demolition of the forty temporary prefabricated bungalows situate in Bedford Road was completed and at the end of the year the clearance of the site was well in hand. The Council rehoused all the occupants.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat, Milk and Other Foods.

Full details of the work carried out will be found in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector. All the sample results proved satisfactory.

Clean Food.

There was no special campaign. Food shops and food preparing places are regularly inspected and opportunity is then taken to give advice on the clean handling of food to the personnel concerned.

(1) The types of food premises in Letchworth are as follows : butchers 18 ; cafes, refreshment houses and snack bars 17 ; confectioners 34 ; dairies 6 ; fish shops 4 ; green-grocers and fruiterers 9 ; grocers and provision merchants 28 ; food warehouses 4 ; bakehouses 2 ; margarine manufacturer 1 ;

bacon factory and meat product manufacturer 1 ; school canteens 13 ; factory canteens serving snacks 45 ; serving main meals 25.

(2) Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act : sale and manufacture of ice cream 50 ; manufacture of sausage and meat products (preserved food) 17 ; registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959, distributors 9, retailers with premises outside the district 3.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

For the year 1961 totals of acute infectious diseases notified (after correction) were : Measles 303, Whooping cough 12, Acute pneumonia 8, Scarlet fever 1 and Erysipelas 1.

Only the *measles* outbreak, which fell mainly in the first quarter, is seen of importance. The acute *pneumonias* notified (mainly in the elderly) fell mainly in the first quarter, accompanying considerable influenza prevalence.

IMMUNISATION

The availability for the whole year of the 'three-in-one' TRIPLE antigen—against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus—has lead to a steadily increased acceptance by parents. Similarly the offer early in the summer to children of primary school age of a fourth protective dose of Salk vaccine against poliomyelitis had an acceptance rate over seventy-five per cent, occasioning considerable extra work for the staffs of both health department and primary schools.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2- 5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	6	3	1	-	-	1	-	-

Comment : New notifications numbered nine respiratory and one none respiratory against the totals of eight and two for 1960. In addition transfers to the local register from other areas numbered twenty-five respiratory and three non-respiratory cases. There was one female death (in the middle-age group) from respiratory tuberculosis.

CONCLUSION

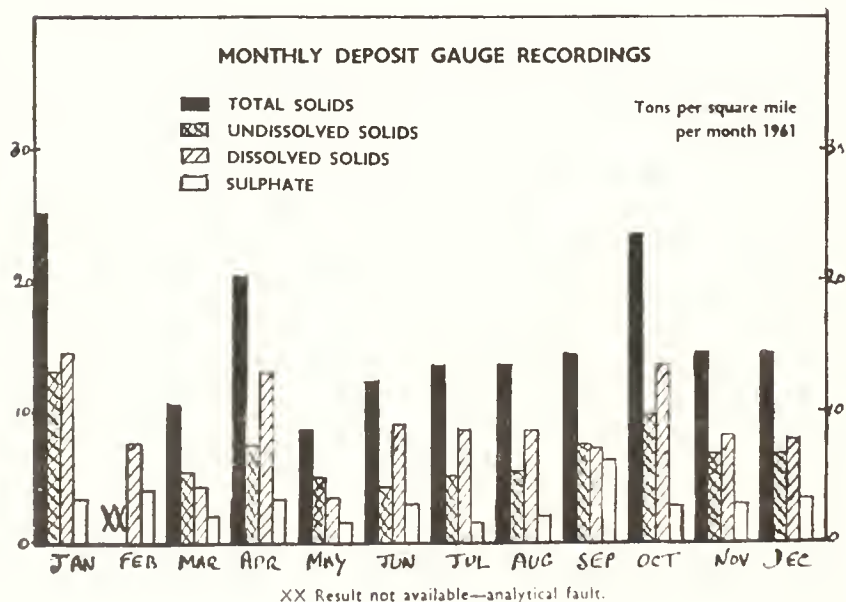
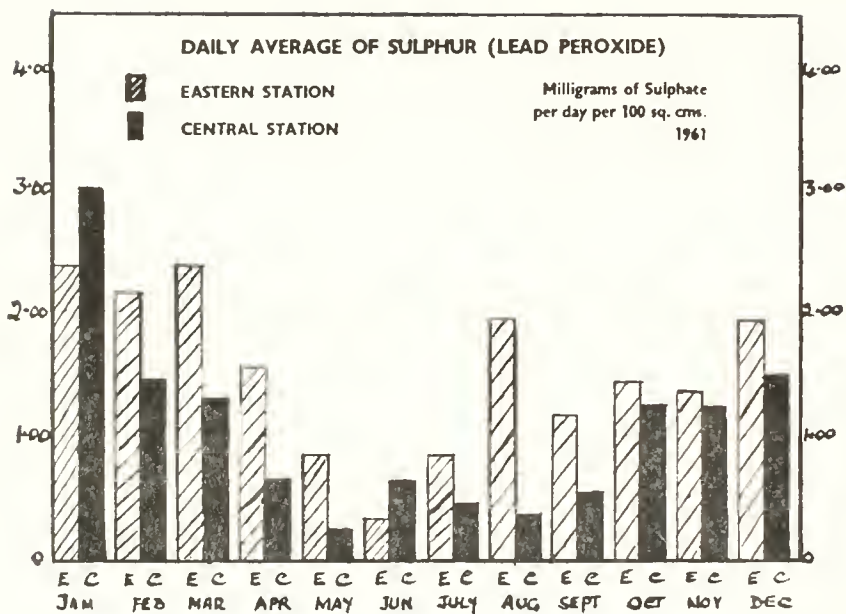
Local mortality rates are seen to be generally favourable and the local birth rate was 16.8 compared with the national birth rate of 17.4.

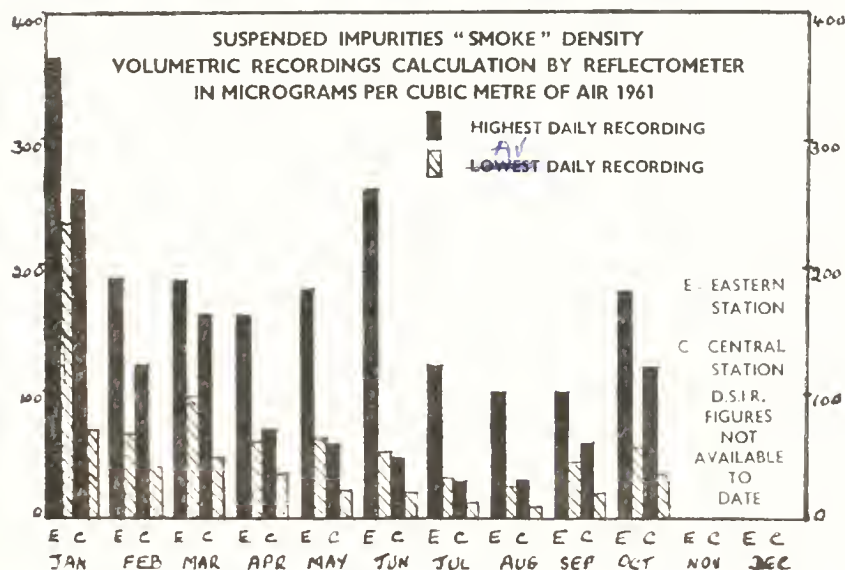
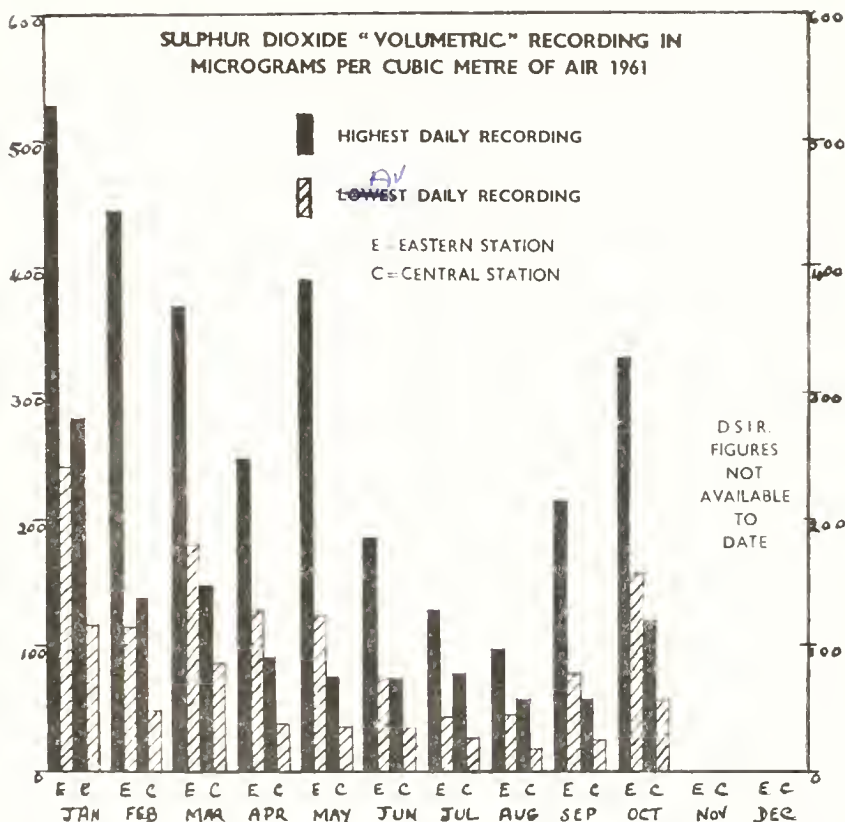
I would again acknowledge every help from the chief officers of your Council and particularly my indebtedness to your Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Arthur Jump, for his unfailing helpfulness and local knowledge. The completion of this report is again made easy by his most valuable assistance.

I am, gentlemen,

V. R. WALKER,
District Medical Officer of Health.

May, 1962.





REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

I submit my thirty-first annual report on the work carried out by the public health inspectors. There was one change of staff during the year Mr. A. Rowe resigning in May to take up an appointment with the Cornwall County Council, and Mr. N. J. Davis of Birmingham commenced duties in June. Mr. K. Morgan was successful in obtaining the Smoke Inspectors Diploma of the Royal Society of Health and Mr. R. H. Edlin was successful in obtaining the Meat and Food inspection Diploma of the Royal Society of Health. These successes illustrate the value of the post entry training scheme and demonstrate the benefit to the employing authority and officer alike.

Housing conditions have shown little change in Letchworth for the last few years and although there are still some cases where living conditions are not satisfactory, few cases of legal overcrowding are found, and when they are discovered, they are dealt with quickly. There continues to be an increase in the number of foreign nationals residing in the town and although the total is not many, some of the problems arising are difficult to deal with and take up a considerable amount of time. It has been found that there is less trouble where the foreign nationals are living as a family, rather than living as lodgers.

The terrace of four small cottages in Croft Lane was demolished and the site cleared. It is interesting to recall that as far back as 1933 I reported these cottages as being unfit and recommended they be demolished. At that time, however, the Council accepted an undertaking from the owners to carry out a scheme of additions and improvements, and the necessary works were done at considerable expense. This case emphasises the necessity of giving careful consideration to these schemes of reconditioning because an aged structure reaches a stage when progressive deterioration occurs at an ever increasing pace, and too, its general planning may well restrict the form of improvement and result in the re-conditioned dwelling becoming sub-standard in the next

decade or so. During the year the improvement grant schemes were utilised to modernise existing dwellings and forty-four applications were approved by the Council. Five of these applications were in respect of standard improvement grants, and in one case the application was withdrawn.

Ten licences were granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act in respect of single caravans stationed on individual sites in various parts of the district. The sites have been well kept and the caravans maintained in a satisfactory condition. The future of the Council's Orchard Way caravan site and the continued provision of a local authority site is under consideration by the Council. The present site contains twenty-nine caravans and there is still a demand for vacant sites when they occur.

The amount of meat inspection work at the abattoir was very similar to that of the previous year, and although in the early part of 1961 the decrease in the number of pigs slaughtered continued, there was an increase in the number of other animals slaughtered. In the latter part of the year the decrease in the number of pigs ceased and it appears likely that it will stabilise somewhere in the region of eleven hundred pigs per week. The success of the bovine tuberculosis eradication scheme is demonstrated by the decrease in the incidence of tuberculosis found during meat inspection but sporadic cases are still discovered and there is need for constant vigilance. During the past two years there has been a decrease in the number of cases of cysticercus bovis recorded, but it is too early yet to say whether this denotes a general improvement or is a passing phase. An effective liaison is maintained with the veterinary officers of the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A total of sixty-eight food and drugs samples were taken during the year and the public analyst reported adversely on three of these samples. Two such reports were in respect of the low meat content of sausages and in one case the sausages were supplied under contract to a local school and the education authorities were informed and advised. The third case concerned a packet of pre-wrapped flour which on analysis proved to contain pieces of bone. The origin of the contami-

nation remained a mystery despite careful and stringent inquiries and investigation.

The additions and improvements at the creamery at Letchworth Gate were completed during the year and the new treatment plant is now operating. Hygiene at school and factory canteens and restaurant kitchens continues to receive attention and a number of improvements were made at some of the establishments during the year under review. During these visits advice is always tendered to the personnel regarding good methods of clean food preparation and handling, and it is my considered view that this is the best way of bringing about an improvement in the general standard.

The Lee Valley Water Company is the statutory water undertaker for the area and an effective liaison has been maintained with the officers of the company during the year. The usual routine samples of water from the swimming bath and paddling pool were taken during the season and the results were once again uniformly satisfactory.

As in previous years the prior approval clauses of the Clean Air Act proved of value in ensuring that new boiler and space heating installations were efficient and unlikely to cause smoke nuisance. The results of the records of the atmospheric pollution recording instruments are again shown in graph form on the centre pages of this report. There is no marked change over the results for previous years. The preliminary work in declaring the Jackmans area as a smoke control area was undertaken during the year and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government agreed that a formal scheme could be submitted.

The provisions of the Noise Abatement Act were operated during 1961 and noise nuisances from industrial premises and from mobile vehicles were dealt with. Successful prosecutions were instituted against vendors of ice cream and fried fish for operating loud speakers or chimes during prohibited hours.

During the later summer it was noticed there was an increase in the rat population in the agricultural area on the boundaries of the district, but prompt action resulted in the outbreak being controlled and no serious infestation occurred. This increase of rat population was general in the eastern

counties, and in some areas it did assume quite large proportions.

These notes on the year's work give some indication of the scope and variety of the duties performed by the public health inspectors and it will be seen that the general activities of the department continue to increase. Once again I desire to place on record my appreciation of the efforts made by all members of the staff and to thank them for their loyal support.

ARTHUR JUMP,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

Health Office,
Letchworth.

May 1962.

STATISTICAL RECORDS

January 1st - December 31st, 1961

GENERAL (under Public Health and Housing Acts) :

(a) *Visits and Inspections*

Houses inspected under Public Health Acts	..	93
Houses reinspected under Public Health Acts	..	151
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	.. ..	177
Houses reinspected under Housing Acts	.. ..	204
Visits re number of occupants	.. ..	110
Improvement Grant Applications	.. ..	43
" " Visits	.. ..	362
Rents Act Certificate Applications	.. ..	—
" " Visits	.. ..	2
Movable dwellings inspected	.. ..	15
Movable dwelling sites visits	.. ..	277
Nuisances investigated (noise 35)	.. ..	120
Systematic investigations of district	.. ..	43
Investigations re water supply	.. ..	13
" re watercourses and ditches	.. ..	29
" re sewers and drains	.. ..	607
" re industrial effluvia	.. ..	18
" re industrial effluents	.. ..	28
" re animal keeping	.. ..	26
" re poultry keeping	.. ..	16
Visits and inspections of entertainment premises	.. ..	23
" " of swimming baths	.. ..	9
" " of paddling pool	.. ..	10
" " of waterworks	.. ..	1
" " re atmospheric pollution	.. ..	241
Smoke observations	.. ..	26
Drains—smoke tested	.. ..	69
Drains—water tested	.. ..	38
Drains—colour tested	.. ..	21
Visits to works outstanding and in progress	.. ..	278
Visits to stables	.. ..	9
Visits to piggeries	.. ..	10
Visits to refuse tips	.. ..	66

Visits re rodent infestation	1,404
Miscellaneous visits	433
Samples of effluent submitted for analysis.. ..	2
„ water submitted for analysis	1
„ swimming bath water	26
„ paddling pool water	18

(b) *Infestations*

	No. of Houses	Visits
Bugs	7	9
Fleas	4	7
Lice	—	—
Beetles and cockroaches	37	86
Flies	8	10
Wasps' nests	102	148
Other pests	90	94

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

(a) *Visits and Inspections*

Meat depot	119	Food preparing	
Butchers' shops	82	places	55
Butchers' vans	9	Cowsheds	1
Fish shops	39	Ice-cream vendors	104
Other food shops	140	Hawkers of other	
Cafés	60	foods	6
Bakehouses	14	Mobile shops	44
Dairies	77	Canteens	104
Dairy vehicles	45	Hotels	10
Food warehouses	37	Re food sampling	85

(b) *Carcases examined*

(1) At Abattoir :

Cows	418	Calves	208
Heifers	1,281	Sheep	11,234
Bulls	18	Pigs	52,111
Steers	5,283		

(2) At meat depot, shops, other premises and vans :

Beef Qs.			Calves	..	..	2
(i) English	..	7	Sheep	..	..	13
(ii) Imported	..	3	Pigs	..	..	5,657
			Poultry	..	..	53

(c) *Condemned as unfit for human food*

(1) At Abattoir :

6 cow carcasses	26 calves' guts
7 other beasts' carcasses	74 pig carcasses
1 side English beef	— side English pork
9 forequarters English beef	6 forequarters English pork
5 hindquarters English beef	23 hindquarters English pork
729lb. English beef	4,524lb. English pork
207 beasts' heads	395 pigs' heads
1,405 .. lungs	563 .. plucks
119 .. hearts	15,445 .. lungs
1,645 .. livers	1,603 .. hearts
145 .. kidneys	2,413 .. livers
137 .. spleens	791 .. kidneys
95 .. mesenteries	328 .. spleens
89 .. guts	331 .. mesenteries
32 .. tripes	339 .. guts
10 .. udders	17 sheeps' carcasses
564 .. skirts	— forequarters English mutton
781 .. other organs	1 hindquarter English mutton
23 .. calf carcasses	62lb. English mutton
1 hindquarter English veal	13 sheeps' heads
11lb. English veal	36 .. plucks
24 calves' heads	1,143 .. lungs
31 .. plucks	37 .. hearts
7 .. lungs	420 .. livers
1 .. heart	30 .. kidneys
2 .. livers	
40 .. kidneys	
26 .. mesenteries	
26 .. spleens	

(c) *Condemned as unfit for human food—(continued)*

225	sheeps' spleens	23	sheeps' other organs
16	„ mesenteries		Total weight :
20	„ guts		102,779lb.

(2) At wholesale depots, shops and vans :

1	forequarter English beef	34	cans corned beef
16	hindquarters English beef	41	cans corned pork
245lb.	English beef	—	can brawn
— lb.	imported beef	5	cans tongue
28lb.	beasts' liver	74	cans meat products
8	beasts' hearts	4	fowls
84lb.	English mutton	2	pork sausages
1	carcase English lamb	—	fish fillets
1	sheep's liver	48	cans fish
1	carcase English veal	91	cans milk
—	carcases English pork	3	cans cream
1	forequarter English pork	1lb.	butter
3	hindquarters English pork	—	margarine
355lb.	English pork	15cwt.	lard
2	pigs' heads	3lb.	cheese
51	„ plucks	16	packets cheese
6	„ lungs	196	cans vegetables
—	„ livers	161	cans fruit
14	„ kidneys	5lb.	dried fruit
9lb.	bacon	39lb.	jam
—	sides bacon	9lb.	preserves
127lb.	ham	—	flour
12lb.	brawn	— lb.	biscuits
		4	packets cereals
		106lb.	cake and pastries
		—	rice
		1lb.	spaghetti
		1lb.	macaroni

(d) *Slaughter of animals*

Applications for licences to slaughter animals	..	28
Number of licences granted to slaughtermen	..	28
Amount of fees received	.. .. .	£1 15s. 0d.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED (EXCLUDING SHOPS)

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>		<i>Horses</i>
Number killed number inspected }	6,582	418	208	11,234	46,758	5,353	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis							
(1) Whole carcasses con- demned	2	5	21	17	71	3	—
(2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	2,012	150	13	950	8,994	1,050	—
(3) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	30.6	37.08	16.3	8.6	19.4	19.6	—
Tuberculosis only							
(1) Whole carcasses con- demned	5*	1*	2*	—	—	—	—
(2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	121*	56*	2*	—	140	13	—
(3) Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber- culosis	1.9*	13.6*	1.9*	0.0	0.3	0.24	—
Cysticercosis							
(1) No. of cases ..	140	3	—	—	—	—	—
(2) No. refrigerated :							
(a) carcasses ..	35	1	—	—	—	—	—
(b) parts	105	2	—	—	—	—	—
(3) No. of carcasses tot- ally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Includes animals slaughtered because of breakdowns in attested herds, or reactors discovered during process of eradication.

Cow udder infection. As during previous years, an examination was made of the udders of all cows slaughtered, and the results are as follows :

	Ten years 1952-1961	1961
Number of cows slaughtered	5,994	418
Tubercular type lesions found in udder and/or supramammary lymphatic glands	43=0.72%	nil=0.0%
Other udder infection	404=6.72%	10=2.4%
<i>Total</i> udder infection	447=7.45%	10=2.4%
Tubercular cows having mammary lesions	(43 in 1,567 cases)	0.0% (0 in 57 cases)

(e) *Milk supply*

Three dairy farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture and all three are licenced for the production of tuberculin tested milk. There are ten distributors of milk, five having premises within the urban district. All are licensed to retail tuberculin tested milk and pasteurised milk. Seven are licensed to retail sterilised milk. One is licensed to pasteurise and to bottle pasteurised and tuberculin tested (pasteurised) milk. This firm distributes milk by roundsmen throughout the area and sells bottled milk from seven establishments in the town.

Summary of results of milk samples taken :

	(a) Raw	<i>Tuberculin Tested milk</i> (b) <i>Channel Island Pasteurized</i>	<i>Tuberculin Tested</i> (<i>Pasteurized</i>) <i>milk</i>	<i>Pasteurized milk</i>	<i>Sterilized milk</i>
Number taken ..	2	14	44	50	4
Methylene blue test :					
Number submitted	2	14	44	50	—
Satisfied	—	14	42	50	—
Failed	2	—	2	—	—
Phosphatase test :					
Number submitted	—	14	44	50	—
Passed	—	14	44	50	—
Failed	—	—	—	—	—
Turbidity test :					
Number submitted	—	—	—	—	4
Passed	—	—	—	—	4
Failed	—	—	—	—	—

Special Milk Samples

Number taken	1
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(f) Ice Cream

Methylene blue test :

Number submitted	46	
Classified as Grade I	43	} Satisfactory
Classified as Grade II	..	..	..	3	
Classified as Grade III	—	} Unsatisfactory
Classified as Grade IV	—	

Ingredient samples :

Number submitted	Nil
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Lollies—ice cream or milk :

Number submitted	1
Plate Count : Satisfactory	1
Excessive	—
Coliform absent	..	..	..	—

Lollies—fruit :

Number submitted	1
pH result	—
Satisfactory	1

(g) Other Foods

Bread	2
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Flour	1
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No food poisoning organisms isolated

(h) Food and Drugs Samples

ARTICLE	Number examined			Number adulterated		
	Formal	Informal	Private	Formal	Informal	Private
Cream	—	1	—	—	—	—
Margarine	—	2	—	—	—	—
Milk	23	3	—	—	—	—
Vegetable cooking fat ..	—	2	—	—	—	—
Lard	—	2	—	—	—	—
Biscuits	—	1	—	—	—	—
Faggots	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pressed beef	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pork luncheon meat ..	—	1	—	—	—	—
Black pudding	—	1	—	—	—	—
Sausages—beef	—	2	—	—	—	—
„ pork	—	5	—	—	2*	—
Saveloys	—	1	—	—	—	—
Sausage rolls	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pork pie	—	1	—	—	—	—
Steak and kidney pie ..	—	2	—	—	—	—
Brawn, pork	—	1	—	—	—	—
Potted meat	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gravy mix	—	1	—	—	—	—
Anchovies	—	1	—	—	—	—
Rissoto	—	1	—	—	—	—
Peas—garden	—	1	—	—	—	—
Potatoes.. ..	—	1	—	—	—	—
Potatoes—peeled	—	—	—	—	—	—
Flour	—	1	—	—	1†	—
Totals	23	35	—	—	3	—

* Sausages, low meat content.

† Flour, pieces bone found.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS

Visits and inspections	615
Number of contraventions found	18
Number of contraventions remedied	17

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(a) *Visits and Inspections*

General	34
Food poisoning	13
Re Health Clinic cases	1
Hospitals/homes	5
Schools	16
Hostels	2
Nurseries	4
Specimens taken to laboratory	17

(b) *Disinfection*

General cases	38 rooms
Tuberculosis cases	7
Library books	56
Disinfestations	10

Disposal of the Dead

National Assistance Act, Section 50—

Number of cases	1
Number of visits	14

FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

	No. on Register	Inspections	Notices
Non-mechanical factories	11	9	1
Mechanical factories	183	86	6
Building operations	22	21	1
Workplaces	43	28	2
Outworkers	49	4	—

Defects found and remedied

	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness	1	1
Want of ventilation	1	1
Want of drainage of floors	1	1
Other nuisances	7	7
Sanitary accommodation :		
Insufficient	2	2
Unsuitable or defective	3	3
Other offences	1	1
Matters referred to H.M. Inspector of Factories ..		1
Matters referred by H.M. Inspector of Factories ..		1

PETROLEUM ACTS

Visits and inspections	119
Number of contraventions found	12
Number of contraventions remedied	15
Number of licences granted :	
(a) Petroleum spirit and products	56
(b) Carbide of calcium	1
Amount of fees received—£53 5s.	

SHOP ACTS

Number of shops on register	248
Visits and inspections	81
Number of contraventions found	7
Number of contraventions remedied	14

GAME LICENCES

Visits and inspections	2
Number of licences granted	5
Amount of fees received—£1 5s.	

PET ANIMALS ACT

Visits and inspections	4
Number of contraventions found	—
Number of contraventions remedied	—
Number of licences granted	1
Amount of fees received—10s.	

RAG, FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Number of visits and inspections	..	..	..	2
Number of licences in force	..	..	..	2

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS—BY-LAWS

Number of visits and inspections	..	..	..	7
Number of contraventions found	..	..	..	2
Number of contraventions remedied	..	..	..	2

OFFICES

Number of visits and inspections	10
Number of contraventions found	—
Number of contraventions remedied	—

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